

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the whole amount of Real estate. real and personal estate belonging to said asylum and institute shall not, at any one time, exceed in value two hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the president and any five of the trustees appointed as aforesaid, shall have authority to manage and transact the business of said Mariner's Orphan Asylum and Institute, to make all contracts, and do everything necessary and proper for its administration. Who may transact business.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 16th day of February, 1855.*]

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF SEAMEN IN THE TOWN *Chap. 131.*
OF WILMINGTON.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the commissioners of navigation for the port of Wilmington, shall in addition to the duties now required of them by law, at their first annual meeting appoint some proper person a shipping master for the port of Wilmington; it shall be his duty to ship all seamen in the foreign or coast-wise trade of said port, to give bond and security in the sum of one thousand dollars, payable to the State of North-Carolina, for the faithful performance of the duties required of him by this act, to be sued upon in any court of competent jurisdiction by any person aggrieved, and be subject also to the same other liabilities of public officers; and he shall be entitled to receive of all masters of vessels requiring his services, one dollar per man for each man shipped by him. Duty of shipping master.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said shipping master shall keep an office near the port and wharves, and register the names of all seamen requiring it, who may need employment; and he shall be entitled to receive ten cents from each seaman, whose name is so recorded. To register names.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any other person than the shipping master to exercise the business of shipping seamen in the port of Wilmington; if any person shall violate this section, he shall be fined fifty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of New Hanover county.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if any seaman shall, after being so shipped by the shipping master, desert his vessel, or fail to render himself on board at the time appointed, or in any other cause requiring his aid, it shall be Deserters.